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- b) kappa carrageenan in an amount less than 100% by weight of the iota carrageenan;
 - c) a bulking agent, wherein the ratio of bulking agent to the combined total of iota and kappa carrageenan is from about 1:1 to about 20:1;
 - d) a plasticizer in an amount of from about 10% to about 50% by weight of the composition; and
 - e) water.

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(Amended) The composition of claim 1, wherein the total amount of all carrageenan is less than or equal to about 20% by weight of the composition.

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24. (Amended) A film-forming composition comprising:

- a) iota carrageenan in an amount of from about 1% to about 15% by weight of the composition;
- b) kappa carrageenan in an amount less than 100% by weight of the iota carrageenan;
- c) a bulking agent in an amount of from about 10% to about 60% by weight of the composition;
- d) a plasticizer in an amount of from about 10% to about 50% by weight of the composition; and
- e) water.

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26. (Amended) The composition of claim 24, wherein the total amount of all carrageenan is less than or equal to about 20% by weight of the composition.

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46. (Amended) A method for preparing a film-forming composition comprising:

- a) mixing iota carrageenan in an amount of from about 1% to about 15% by weight of the composition, kappa carrageenan in an amount less than 100% by weight of the

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iota carrageenan and a bulking agent in a ratio of bulking agent to total carrageenan of from about 1:1 to about 20:1 to form a dry mixture;

b) adding a plasticizer to the dry mixture;

c) adding water to the dry mixture to form a dispersion; and

d) heating and mixing the composition to form a uniform dispersion.

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62. (Amended) A method for preparing a film-forming composition comprising:

a) mixing iota carrageenan in an amount of from about 1% to about 15% by weight of the composition, kappa carrageenan in an amount less than 100% by weight of the iota carrageenan and a bulking agent in a ratio of bulking agent to total carrageenan of from about 1:1 to about 20:1 to form a dry mixture;

b) mixing a plasticizer and water to form a liquid mixture;

c) heating the liquid mixture to a temperature of from about 75°C to about 90°C;

d) adding the dry mixture to the heated mixture with stirring to form a dispersion; and

e) heating the dispersion with stirring to a temperature of from about 85°C to about 95°C to form a uniform dispersion.

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70. (Amended) A capsule formed with the ribbon made by the method of claim 63.

71. (Amended) A capsule formed with the ribbon made by the method of claim 65.

72. (Amended) A capsule formed with the extruded uniform dispersion made by the method of claim 68.

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76. (Amended) A method for preparing a film-forming composition comprising:
- a) adding a mixture of iota carrageenan in an amount of from about 1% to about 15% by weight of the composition, kappa carrageenan in an amount less than 100% by weight of the iota carrageenan, a bulking agent in a ratio of bulking agent to total carrageenan of from about 1:1 to about 20:1, a plasticizer and water to an extruder;
 - b) forming a uniform dispersion of the mixture.

77. (Amended) The method of claim 76, wherein the mixture of iota carrageenan, kappa carrageenan, bulking agent, plasticizer and water are pre-mixed before adding them to the extruder.

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84. (Amended) A ribbon comprising iota carrageenan, kappa carrageenan in an amount less than 100% by weight of the iota carrageenan, a bulking agent, a plasticizer and water, having a moisture content of between about 5% and about 20%, a tensile strength at rupture between about 5 N and about 40 N, an extensibility at rupture from about 20 mm to about 80 mm, and a viscosity from about 100 cP to about 1200 cP.

Please add the following new Claims 86-99:

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86. (New) A film-forming composition comprising from about 80% to about 95% by weight of solids and the remainder being about 20% to about 5% water, wherein the solids comprise by weight:
- iota carrageenan in an amount in the range of from about 2% to about 20% of the total composition;

kappa carrageenan in an amount that is (i) in the range of from about 0.4% to about 20% of the total composition and (ii) less than 100% of the amount of the iota carrageenan;

a bulking agent in an amount in the range of from about 10% to about 80% of the total composition; and

a plasticizer in an amount in the range of from about 15% to about 40% of the total composition.

87. (New) The film-forming composition of Claim 86 wherein

the iota carrageenan is present in an amount in the range of from about 2.5% to about 10% of the total composition;

the kappa carrageenan is present in an amount in the range of from about 0.5% to about 10% of the total composition; and

the bulking agent is present in an amount in the range of from about 40% to about 70% of the total composition.

88. (New) A capsule which comprises the film-forming composition of Claim 86.

89. (New) The capsule of Claim 88, wherein the capsule is an encapsulated dosage form having a shell that comprises the film-forming composition, the encapsulated dosage form being selected from a softgel dosage form and a caplet dosage form.

90. (New) The film-forming composition of Claim 86, wherein the plasticizer is selected from the group consisting of sorbitol, non-crystallizing sorbitol, maltitol, glycerin, polyethylene glycol, and combinations thereof.

91. (New) The film-forming composition of Claim 86, wherein the bulking agent is a modified starch.
92. (New) The film-forming composition of Claim 86, wherein the bulking agent is an esterified starch.
93. (New) The method of Claim 76, wherein the mixture of iota carrageenan, kappa carrageenan, bulking agent, plasticizer and water are heated with stirring to a temperature of from about 85°C to about 95°C before adding them to the extruder.
94. (New) A film-forming composition of Claim 1 in the form of a uniform dispersion in the shape of a film, ribbon, sheet or tube.
95. (New) A film-forming composition of Claim 94, wherein said uniform dispersion has a solids content in the range of about 40% to about 90% by weight.
96. (New) A film-forming composition of Claim 95, wherein said uniform dispersion has a solids content in the range of about 50% to about 80% by weight.
97. (New) A film-forming composition of Claim 24 in the form of a uniform dispersion in the shape of a film, ribbon, sheet or tube.
98. (New) A film-forming composition of Claim 97, wherein the uniform dispersion has a solids content in the range of about 40% to about 90% by weight.
99. (New) A film-forming composition of Claim 98, wherein the uniform dispersion has a solids content in the range of about 50% to about 80% by weight.--